Drought Barrier Modeling 2015

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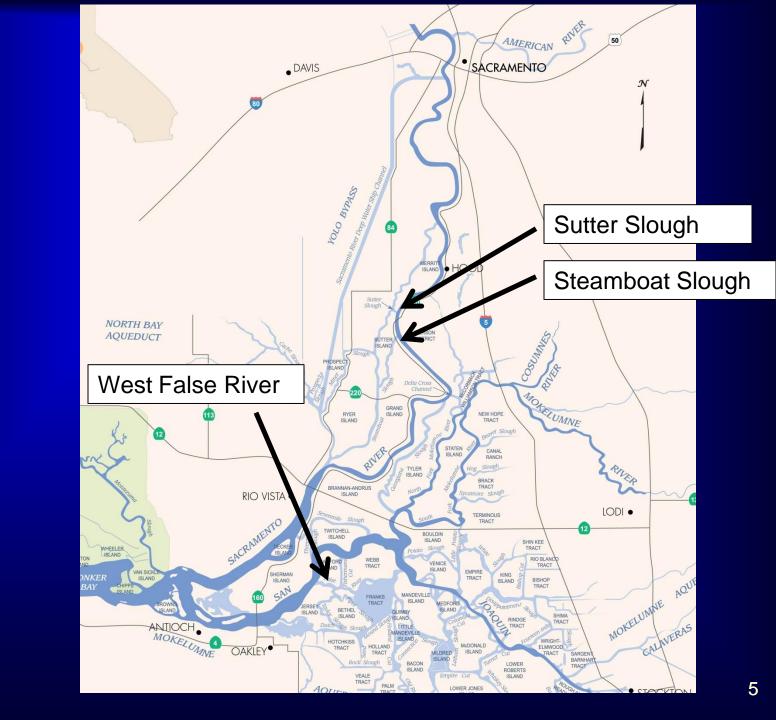
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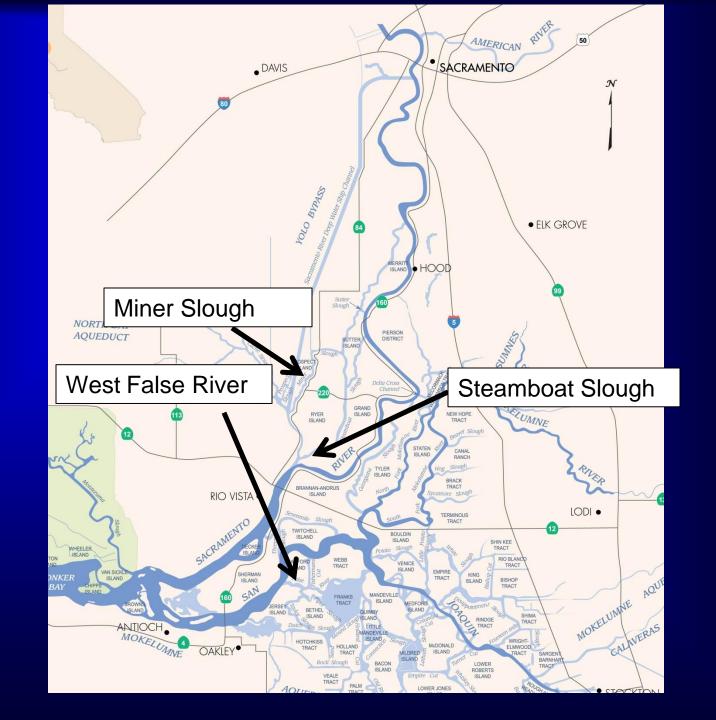
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Questions to Address

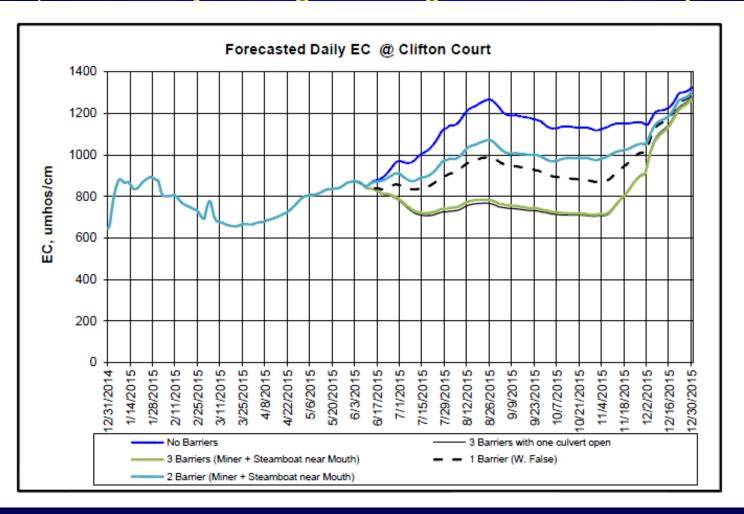
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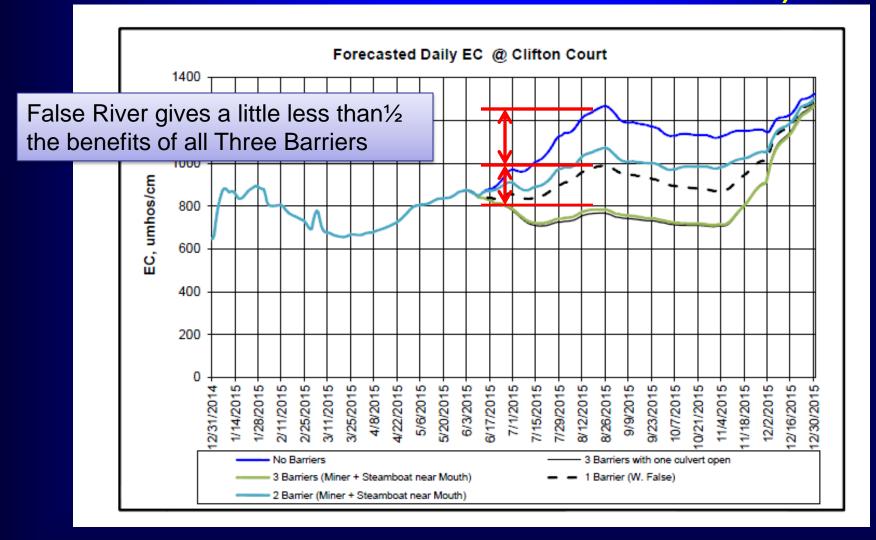




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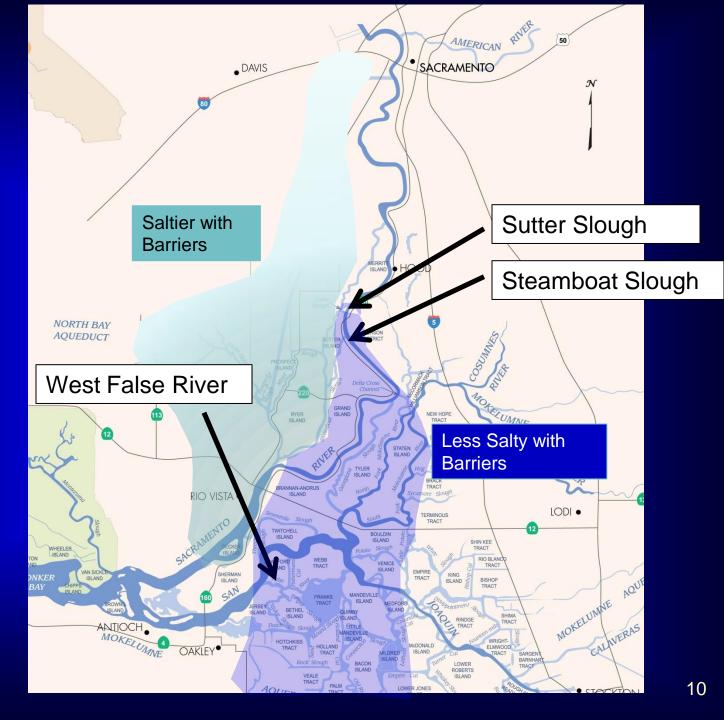
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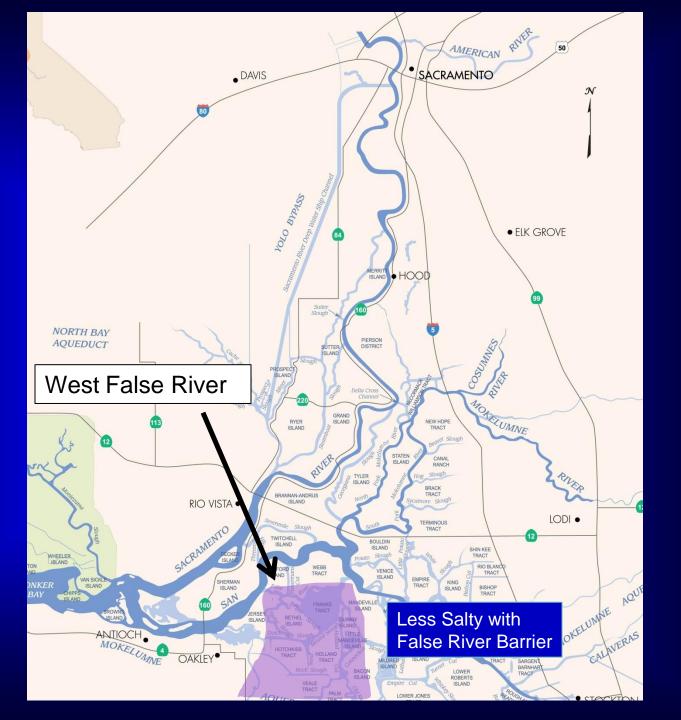
Decision Against Miner/Steamboat Barriers

- Not based entirely on modeling
- Concerns for endangered species by Regulatory Agencies
- Risk Management

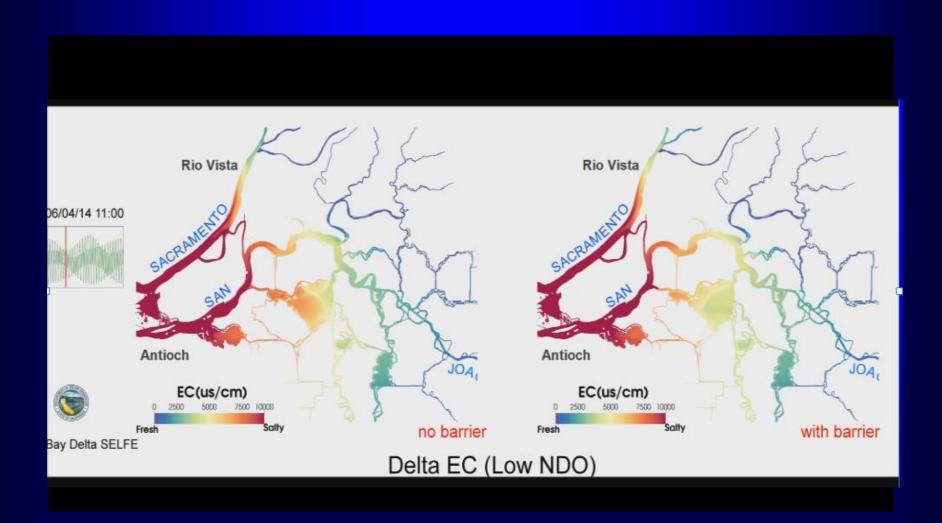
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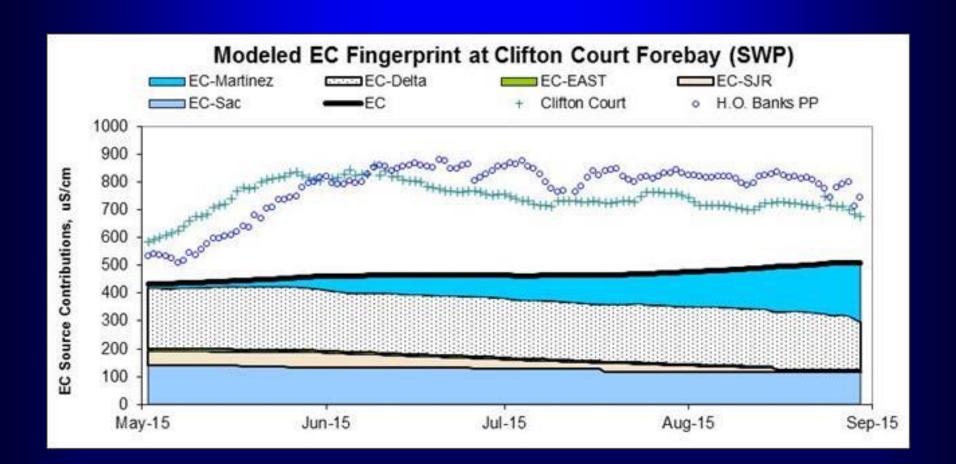


Salinity Intrusion – "Disaster Scenario"

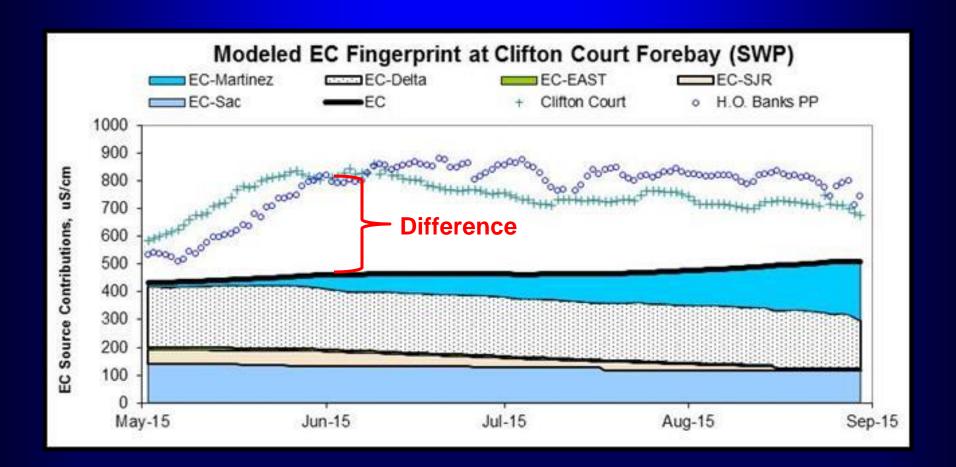


How did the modeling results compare to the actual water quality conditions over the last couple of months?

DSM2 Historical Fingerprint



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Why Significant Water Quality Difference?

- Theories
 - Cold Start
 - Calibration isn't robust in extremely dry hydrologies
 - Inaccurate boundary input data –
 Consumptive Use
 - One dimensional model limitation

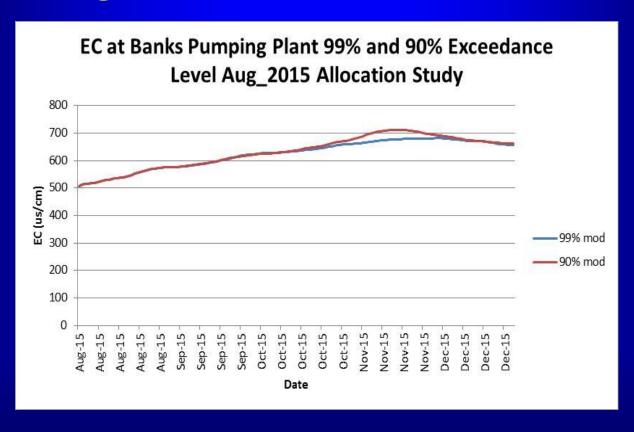
Work Done to Improve Model Accuracy

- Warm Start
- Sensitivity Tests with Calibration Parameters
- Correct consumptive use errors in Yolo Bypass area
- Sensitivity tests with different Consumptive Use Values
- Run Multi-D Model SCHISM

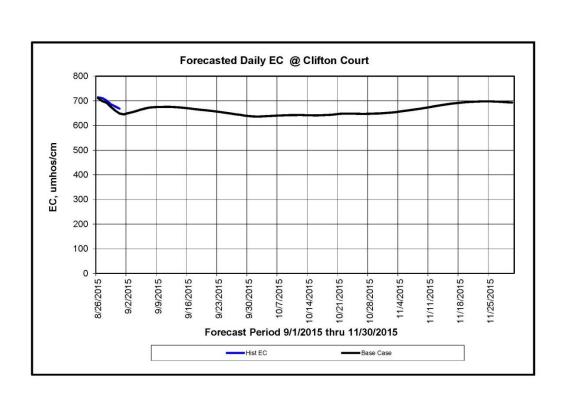
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September 2015 Forecast

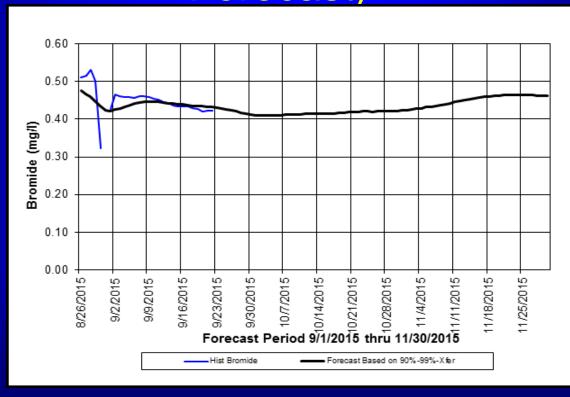
August DSM2 Forecast



September DSM2 Forecast (using Aug DCO Forecast)

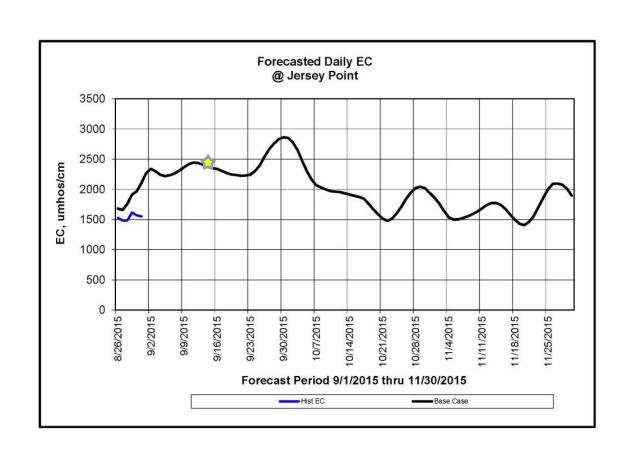


Bromide Forecast - Converted from EC Values using DSM2 (using August DCO Forecast)



| | Type of Simulation | Type of DSM2 Simulation Initialization | False River Barrier Installation and Removal Assumptions |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Historical DSM2 Fingerprint August 2015 | Historical Boundary Conditions | Cold Start | Barrier installed end of May |
| DSM2 Aqueduct Seasonal Forecast August 2015 | Forecasted Boundary Conditions | Cold Start | Barrier removed instantaneously on October 31 |
| DSM2 September Seasonal Forecast Using August 2015 DCO Forecast | Forecasted Boundary Conditions | Warm Start | Barrier slowly removed from Oct 1- Nov 15 |

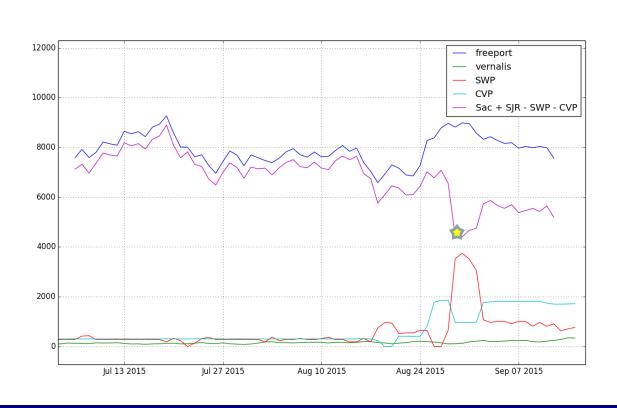
DSM2 Sep Forecast EC at Jersey Point (Using August 2015 DCO Forecast)



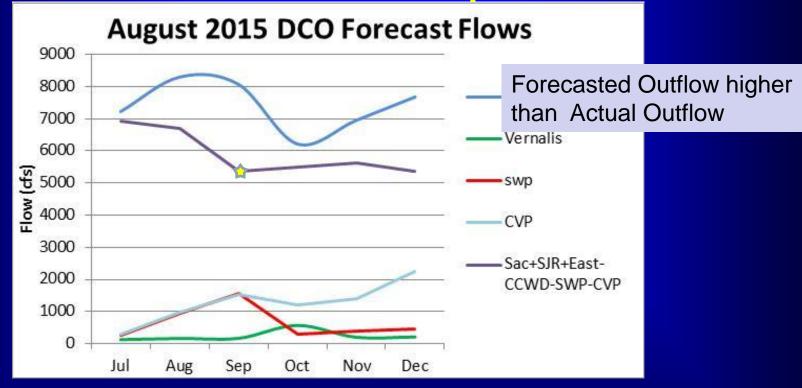
Observed EC Data Jersey Point



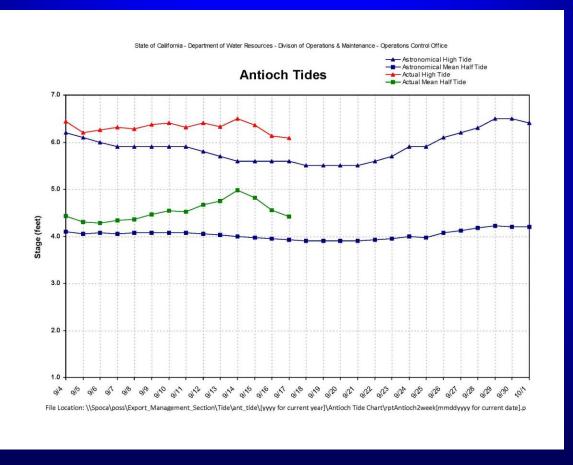
Why the Difference? Observed Flow and Export Data (CDEC)



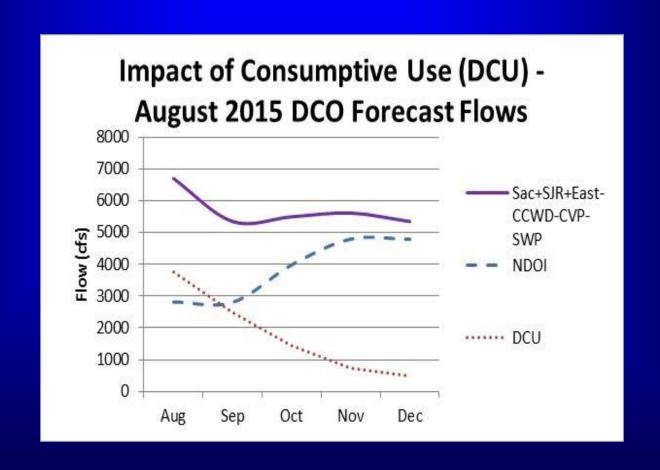
August 2015 DCO Forecasted Flows and Exports



Actual and Astronomical Antioch Tides

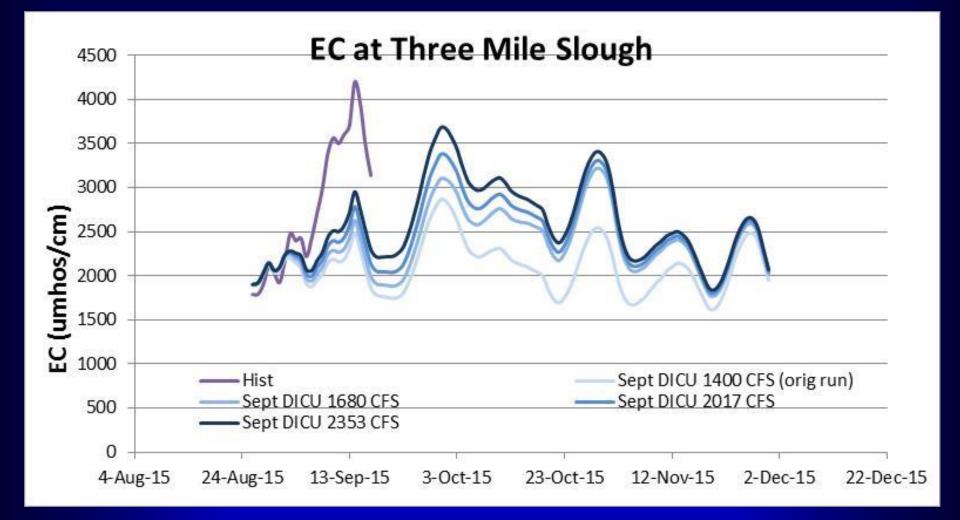


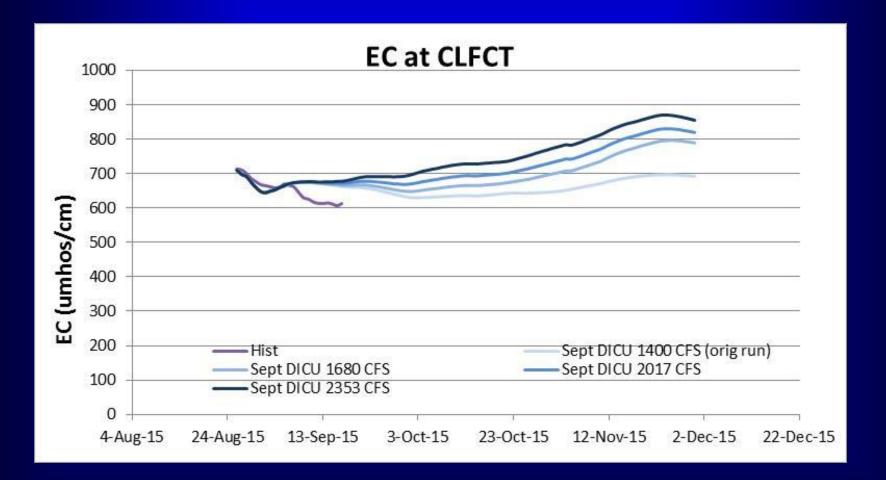
Inflows, Exports, NDOI and Net Channel Depletions

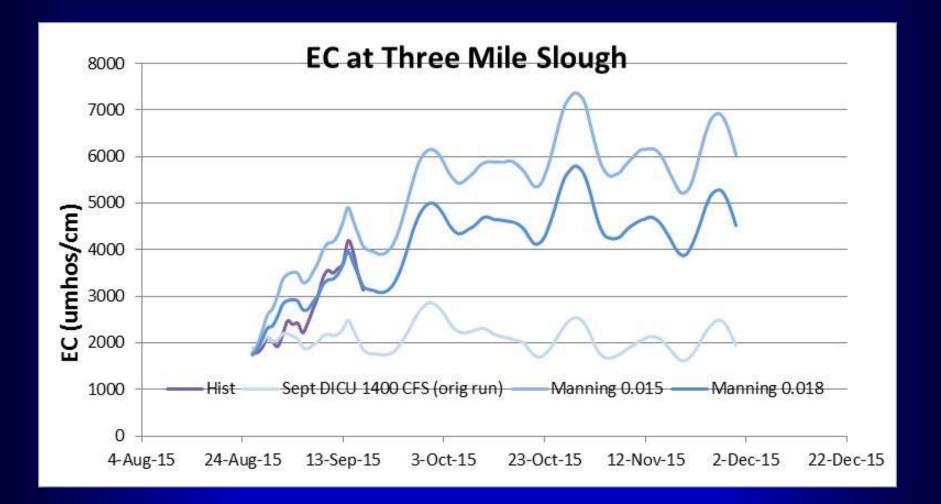


Sensitivity Tests

- Modified stage at boundary
- Modified Consumptive Use
- Adjusted mannings n

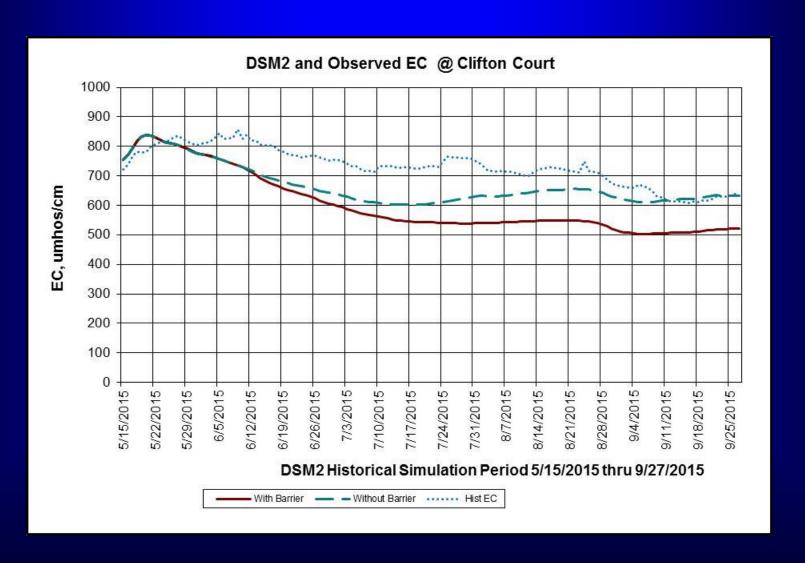






Historical DSM2 Simulations with and without Barrier

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Extra Slides